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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6001

BILL NUMBER: SB 53

NOTE PREPARED: Oct 21, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: DeKalb Superior Court.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Meeks C

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☐ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

STATE IMPACT	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		64,855	129,710
Net Increase (Decrease)		(64,855)	(129,710)

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

- A. It establishes a second superior court in DeKalb County.
- B. It provides that the initial judge of the second DeKalb superior court is appointed for a term beginning January 1, 2005.
- C. It eliminates the DeKalb County small claims referee.

(The introduced version of this bill was approved by the Commission on Courts.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This new court would begin operation on January 1, 2005. The estimated costs for a 12-month period are listed in the following table. The expenditures for FY 2005 listed in the table above reflect 6-months expenditures due to the starting date of the new court.

Cost Components of Judge's Salary		
Salary	Specified in statute	\$90,000
Life Insurance	0.36% of Salary	\$324
Health, Dental, and Vision	Estimated by the State Budget Agency	\$8,291
Social Security	7.65% of salary	\$6,885
Disability Insurance	1.9% of salary estimated by State Budget Agency	\$1,710
Judges Retirement Fund	35% of Salary	\$31,500
Judicial Center	Includes materials and postage, but not possible staffing	\$1,000
Eliminate small claims referee	Receives \$10,000 from state General Fund	<u>(\$10,000)</u>
Total Cost for New Court:		\$129,710

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The county may need to hire additional support staff and find space for this new court. By eliminating the small claims referee position, DeKalb County will save \$10,000 per year.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Office of State Court Administration, Indiana Judicial Conference.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial Courts in DeKalb County.

Information Sources:

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